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## **Allen praises Bradstreet for service to northern Michigan, welcomes Elsenheimer**

**LANSING** – State Sen. Jason Allen, R-Traverse City, today thanked Rep. Ken Bradstreet for his service in the state House of Representatives and welcomed incoming freshman Rep. Kevin Elsenheimer.

“Representative Bradstreet will be greatly missed in the Legislature,” Allen said. “I admire his passion for the issues we faced, his honesty and integrity, and his dedication to serve the constituents of the 105th House District.”

Over the course of his term in the legislature, Bradstreet worked together with Allen on a number of issues which directly helped the 105th district, including their work in allowing local calls from islands such as Beaver Island in Charlevoix County to the mainland, designating funds for the repair of the Lincoln Ave. Bridge in Cheboygan, and advocating for the Chain of Lakes Downtown Enhancement Project funding.

“Ken’s commitment to selflessly serving the residents of northern Michigan was constant from his first piece of legislation to his final days in office,” Allen said.

Bradstreet was one of the original “Fab Five” representatives entering the House in 1999 after the first round of the term limit law. Other members of the Fab Five were Allen, former Speaker of the House Rick Johnson, former Reps. Scott Shackleton and David Mead.

Replacing Bradstreet is incoming freshman Rep. Kevin Elsenheimer, R-Bellaire. Elsenheimer will serve as the associate speaker pro tempore of the House of Representatives.

“As Kevin is sworn in today, I would like to welcome him to the Michigan Legislature,” Allen said. “I congratulate him on his election to the House and am looking forward to working with him. I believe Representative Elsenheimer will do an outstanding job representing the residents of his district. Kevin’s dedication and hard work ethic is truly an asset to the citizens of the 105th district.”

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